consultation with concerned Ministries and take into account the developments that are taking place, likely to take place, growth in population, growth in GDP, growth in industries, etc. Thus a systematic study is undertaken every five years and is a continuous process. These are reviewed at the time of formulating the Annual Plans.

Issue of licences to catering units at Railway stations

2219. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide licences for catering units at railway stations only to the contractors; and

(b) if so, the proposed division of jurisdiction of catering arrangements between contractors and the departmental catering units at those railway stations where catering units are already functioning?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) As per new catering policy, all new catering/vending licences are to be awarded to reputed and professional caterers. Besides, the existing departmental catering units are to continue.

(b) At stations where comprehensive Departmental Catering exists, catering/vending by private contractors is only regulated.

Setting up of Computerised Support System with technical assistance from World Bank

2220. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are setting up computeised support system with technical assistance from the World Bank to make perfect projections for the next 15 years;

(b) what is the grant expected from the World Bank; and

(c) by when the project is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) A technical assistance financed by Japanese Grant Fund through a grant of Y 79.5 million, managed by world Bank for development of computer based Long Range Devision Support System has been negotiated. It will take about 2 years for development of such a system before it can be operational.

Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited

2221. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited has been a profit making comany till the financial year 1992-93;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Railways have stopped placing orders for wagons to this factory from April, 1994, which has adversely affected the company's internal economy; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and how soon Government would place orders with this factory?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. The Company has been a profit making one from 1983-84 onwards, except in the year 1988-89.

(b) No, Sir. Orders for 1037.5 wagons in terms of four wheelers have been placed for manufacture in 1994-95. and

(c) Does not arise.

Computerised Reservation Centre at Jalandhar

2222. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 5771 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 1994 and state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in regard to the establishment of Computerised Reservation Centre at Jalandhar Junction in Punjab;

(b) the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is expected to be put into operation?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) About 60 percent of the work involved including procurement of equipment, hiring of channels etc., has been completed.

(c) The facility is likely to be introduced at Jalandhar in the current financial year.

Driverless goods train from Birpur towards Bangalore

2223. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a driverless goods train travelled quite a lot from Birpur towards Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the circumstances in which the train was given clear signal and whether any responsibility has been fixed for this incident?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) and (b) On 9.7.94, in Birpur station yard on the Arsikere-Hubli section of Mysore Division of Southern Railway, a shut down diesel locomotive with 16 wagons was temporirly immobilised. However, the shunting load rolled down due to a falling gradient towards Arsikere and travelled about 12 kms. without any driver and with no signals. The load stopped between Kadur and Devanur stations, after reaching a rising gradient. The inquiry committee has fixed responsibility on 6 (six) railway staff.

Railway Claims Tribunals in the Country

2224. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of benches of Railway Claims Tribunals in the country;

(b) the number of posts of Judicial Member lying vacant in these benches;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up these posts;

(d) whether it is a fact that interview for selection of Judicial Members for these benches were held in January, 1994;

(e) if so, whether the appointments have been made in pursuance of these selections and if not the reasons therefor; and

(f) by when these appointments are likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Nineteen.